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REGULAR CORRESPONDENT FROM NATIONS CAPITAL.

There seems no end to the trouble that the order for the discharge of the 25th infantry is to cause during the present Congress. The message of President Roosevelt this week showing the information on which he had acted and the precedents for his cause has not been accepted by Congress as an end to the matter. There is an excellent opportunity to play politics and make votes out of the situation and there is every indication that this opportunity will be taken advantage of to the full. The most vicious attack that has been made upon the president so far was by Senator Foraker, of Ohio on the last day preceding the holiday recess. Senator Foraker went into the situation in detail and demanded an investigation by the military committee with a view to laying bare what he claims would be shown to be the real facts in the situation. Very probably this course will be taken after the holiday recess. There will be difficulty in securing the passage of a resolution of this sort as it will mean not only a chance for Congressional junket, but the best of all opportunities for piling up political records.

Senator Foraker seems to have overlooked one of the salient features of the situation and that is that a conspiracy of silence would be possible only as the President pointed out through the collusion of the room sergeants and other non-commissioned officers of the battalion and that without this collusion such an incident as happened at Brownsville could never have come to pass.

The committee on Banking and Currency has reported favorably to the house the bill for an elastic currency very much such as was recommended by the banker's commission recently in session in Washington. This plan contemplates the issue of credit notes to the amount of 40% of the banks capital. The tax on the first 30% of the amount issued will be 2%, and for the remaining 10% the tax will be 5%. It is claimed in favor of the scheme that it will put the extra circulation in whatever part of the country it is most needed and that the tax while not heavy enough to be prohibitive will be sufficiently heavy to prevent the banks from keeping the notes in circulation after the emergency calls for the issue has passed.

It is rather remarkable at this time to hear any talk of the revival of the Klu Klux Klan. It is very likely that the government will have something of this sort on its hands in the near future. It is in connection with the Isle of Pines. A gentleman has just returned to Washington from that island and brings the interesting information that the whole organization of the Klan has already been perfected there. It will be recalled that there have been almost fearful appeals and protests from the little island against having its administration turned over to Cuba. The bulk of the settlers there are Americans who went to the Isle of Pines under the impression that it was a Cuban territory. Since then

they have been sadly undeceived by the action of General Wood, who turned the Island over to the Cuban Government. All of the natives are thoroughly in accord with the American settlers in their opposition to the Cuban carpet-bag officials who are sent to govern this little island about the size of Rhode Island Paradise. Now the Americans have lost all hope of the treaty insuring American possession to be passed by the Senate, they have organized a secret clan exactly on the line of the Ku Klux with the object of warning, deporting and if necessary, burying every Cuban official and gendarme who is sent to rule over them. The leader of the organization happens to be an old Ku Klux man himself. The order is secret and oath bound so that it will be almost impossible to detect it and its members say that if an American war ship is sent and marines landed to garrison the island that will be the thing of all others which they will welcome and cheerfully submit to.

Bids will be opened on the 12th of next month for the construction by contract of the Panama canal. All of the preliminaries for this gigantic bid have been completed. Invitations have been issued to about sixty of the biggest contracting firms in the world who are expected to take part in the competition. No single firm would be able to do all the work and it is expected that bids will be submitted from groups of contractors who are particularly expert in dredging, excavating and railroad and masonry construction. The government will retain as formerly entire administrative control of the Canal zone and the contractors will be expected to deal only with the actual work of construction. The plans will provide for a canal 1000 feet wide on the two-sea level stretches narrowing to 500 feet on the lock sections, and to 200 feet through four miles of the famous Culebra cut. The total cost will be in the neighborhood of \$100,000,000.

The two representatives of capital and labor for the President's new industrial peace tribunal have been selected and have signified their willingness to serve. They are John Mitchell, President of the United Mine Workers, and Marvin Hughitt, President of the Chicago and North Western Railway. The three officials of the government who will serve on the commission are the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Commerce and Labor. The money available from the Nobel prize for the maintenance of this commission is between \$37,000 and \$40,000. Headquarters will be selected in Washington and the commission will be called together as soon as there is need for its services.

Methodist Pastor Here.

Rev. C. W. White, the new Methodist Pastor, his wife and little daughter, arrived in Arcadia this morning (Thursday) and were taken to D. T. Carlton's comfortable home for dinner, to C. Y. Crawford's for early tea, and from thence will be taken to the parsonage, which is prepared to receive them.

The membership of the church will give them a hearty welcome and a good old fashioned Methodist "pounding" at the parsonage tonight.

STATE COLLEGE

FOR GIRLS AT TALLAHASSEE. A STUDENT WRITES.

EDITOR CHAMPION: Will you allow me as a student of the Florida Female College, to communicate with friends in your vicinity?

Our number of students is gradually increasing every week. We have on roll, 153 students. We are proud of our large crowd of girls, and hope as we older grow that our college will have a name of fame, that will ring throughout the states as one of the best colleges for young ladies.

We are located on a large red hill in a grove of pines, which is very beautiful.

The health conditions are good for so large a number to be crowded in college dormitories. We hear whispers of two more halls next fall, which pleases the old students very much for we are in great need of room. In the new halls our health conditions will be much better.

To our physical training is largely due our good health. For outdoor exercises we have tennis, basket ball, water polo and other interesting games, from which much pleasure is derived. Still there is a large gymnasium, with swimming pool which was just completed last spring at the close of school. The pool is greatly enjoyed by the girls, in different ways, water polo being a very interesting exciting game. Oh do not let us forget our dear old basket ball team. The girls are practising daily and there is much enthusiasm over this game. The Prickley Pears gaining the first Victory, Score being twenty-five to five. On December the 15th the second game was played and the Cockle Burs gained the victory, making eighteen to twelve. But they did not defeat us as badly as we defeated them. There are going to be more games to which the public is cordially invited. Hope we will have the pleasure of meeting some other college teams in a few match games.

In the line of music this year, we are proud of our new pipe organ in which we find much pleasure. Many recitals will be given throughout the year. One of the most brilliant ones, to be remembered, was the one given in honor of Woman's Club Convention, recently held at this place. It was a grand occasion. After the recital we went over to the Reception Hall (in East Hall) where refreshments were served, and chatting continued until a late hour when the ladies bade us adieu.

Among our student body we have two societies in which much spirit is shown. Society spirit is the fun of college life.

There was much enjoyment in rushing into the President's office, to see the quarterly reports of the work the girls have done. Some returned with smiling faces and others with eyes of red and drops of water, which we call "tears," rolling down their cheeks.

The atmosphere is now filled with whispers of "Christmas is coming," and we all will be going home in a few days. The Chapel echoed with clapping hands when President Murphree announced

that the vacation would be extended two days.

Wishing all a merry, merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. ZACHARY CRAWFORD.

Nocatee Locals.

Christmas has come and gone, bringing with it a very severe freeze which was greatly felt throughout our vicinity. Orange trees are badly injured we fear as they are already in a very wilted condition.

Miss Eleanor Cunningham, teacher of Hawthorne school, spent Christmas with her parents at Winter Haven.

Cane grinding will be the go for the next few days with our farmers since the freeze. Look out for sour syrup.

The writer had the pleasure of seeing on sale Christmas eve day at one of our country stores about fifty fairly good watermelons. Isn't that something grand for South Florida.

The King Lumber and Mfg. Co. has their band saw in operation. The young people enjoyed a nice time at Billie Smith's Christmas night at a candy pulling.

Messrs Frank Hutchinson, Jack Harris, Charley and Henry Johnson are gone camp hunting. Others of our sporting folks spent the holidays in the woods hunting returning without gain or game. Excuse me.

Married last Sunday p. m. at Hoist No. 7, Mr. Joseph Shores and Mrs. Simmons, a charming young widow of that place. Their friends wish them endless happiness and prosperity.

A. Hull and Noah Smith have gone to Daytona to see the old folks during Christmas times.

Mrs. Haddox had the pleasure of entertaining her aged parents at her home for the past few days. She leaves us tomorrow, the 27th, to make her future home with the Wauchula people.

Jerry Carlton was out to the grove today looking at the frozen condition of everything.

Bye, Bye, with a Happy New Year to all. SUBSCRIBER. 12 26, 1906.

Presbyterian Church.

Rev. H. Keigwin stated supply service next Sunday morning. The evening services will be dispensed with in order to give the pastor and congregation the opportunity to attend the Methodist church to hear the new pastor, Rev. Mr. White, and welcome him in the Lord's work in Arcadia.

The stove is in place, and those who attend the morning service can be assured of a comfortable place to worship.

The General Assembly's Committee on Evangelism has furnished for our Church in Florida an approved evangelist, who will begin his work among our churches the first of January, and we are looking forward to the privilege of enjoying his service about the middle of the month.

The committee has arranged for simultaneous services throughout the bounds of the whole Church during the month of January, following the week of prayer.

The past four days have sure been record-breakers in Florida for weather. The coldest four days in succession in a number of years

NO ANNEXATION OF

OF CUBA IS AT ALL LIKELY TO COME NOW.

Congressman Sparkman arrived at home this morning from Washington to spend the Christmas holidays. He is looking and feeling well, though more than usually engrossed in affairs at the seat of government. As noted in the Times a few days ago, he has been made by the rivers and harbors committee virtually a sub-committee on a district embracing several states, including Florida, and it has much increased his special work and responsibility on the committee.

Mr. Sparkman speaks very encouragingly of the business outlook for the country at large, and especially as to the wonderful development now in progress in and throughout the south. This section is advancing at a rate never before equalled, and it is in a way compelling the recognition of the country, and its largest exponents in a business way.

As regards the question of Cuban annexation he confirms what he had previously said—that he finds an overwhelming sentiment in opposition in congress and the country. The Cuban people themselves do not seem to want it; there is no necessity for it; the administration is disposed to regard public sentiment, and there is positively no prospect that the question will again reach a stage which will excite the least apprehension.

Rivers and harbors matters are in a fairly satisfactory condition when there are considered the immense amount of that kind of work needed in Florida and the impatience of the people locally interested. Such matters move slowly, both on account of their character and the method by which they must be arrived at, but the outcome will be satisfactory. Florida projects and continuances are not yet generally closed up, but will be further considered, and there is reason to believe that satisfactory progress will be made at this session. The aggregate appropriations direct will probably be smaller than they have been in some previous sessions, but that is largely because the several larger projects are on the continuous list and will not show up in the coming bill.

Mr. Sparkman is hopeful of accomplishing things of much local interest and importance, but, owing to the incomplete character of the conferences of the committee, cannot speak with the confidence he always desires to before saying anything at all definite. Altogether he feels that the interests of the people are being forwarded, perhaps not so rapidly as he would personally like and desire, but in full keeping with what other sections are receiving and other members of the committee are able to do for their immediate constituents.—Tampa Times.

New Year's resolutions come in very appropriately soon after Christmas. The jug trade in Arcadia this year was enormous, and if about half of our prominent citizens do not make many good New Year's resolutions they miss a fine opportunity.